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For: "Substances for Preventing and)	
Treating Autoimmune Diseases")	Pasadena, California
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION ON THE MERITS

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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action on the Merits dated September 10, 2007, please amend the above identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper